

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1725**

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 26-29, 31-33, 35 and 37-50.

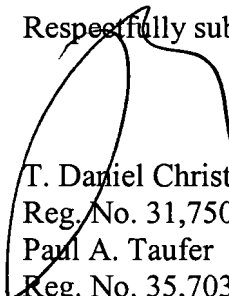
Claims 51-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph with respect to newly added matter specifically relating to “further contains transition metals.” The Applicants have accordingly amended Claims 51-54 to remove that language and replace it with “the transition metal oxide particles.”

Thus, the Applicants have removed any language that could theoretically be considered new matter and placed Claims 51-54 in accordance with the specification and those respective claims as they are otherwise worded. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Inasmuch as this amendment removes the last issue remaining in the case, the Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered into the official file and considered on the merits.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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